

**WE CLAIM:**

1. A spoke adapted for use in a bicycle wheel that includes a wheel rim and a wheel hub, said spoke comprising a spoke body having a pair of coupling end portions that are opposite to each other in a longitudinal direction and that are adapted for connection to the wheel rim and the wheel hub, respectively, at least one of said coupling end portions being tubular.  
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2. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said spoke body further has a tubular intermediate spoke segment that extends in the longitudinal direction and that has opposite ends connected integrally and respectively to said coupling end portions.  
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3. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said spoke body further has a solid intermediate segment that extends in the longitudinal direction and that has opposite ends connected integrally and respectively to said coupling end portions.  
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4. The spoke as claimed in Claim 3, wherein each of said coupling end portions confines a blind hole, said blind hole being configured with a concave bottom.  
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5. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein one of said coupling end portions is formed with an external screw thread.
- 25 6. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein one of said coupling end portions is formed with an internal screw thread.

7. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein one of said coupling end portions is formed with a bend, and has a distal end distal from the other of said coupling end portions and formed a radial end flange.
- 5 8. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said spoke body has an outer wall surface with a circular cross-section in a plane transverse to the longitudinal direction.
9. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said spoke  
10 body has an outer wall surface with a cross-section in a plane transverse to the longitudinal direction, the cross-section being an equilateral polygon in shape.
10. The spoke as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the polygon is one of a triangle and a pentagon.
- 15 11. The spoke as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said spoke body has an outer wall surface with a circular cross-section in a plane transverse to the longitudinal direction, and formed with a set of angularly spaced apart protruding ribs.
- 20 12. The spoke as claimed in Claim 11, wherein each of said protruding ribs has a convex surface in the plane transverse to the longitudinal direction.